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Home Safety Information When Returning Home From The Wildfires

Residents returning home to the mountain communities should take several precautions. These are:

- Do not use candles or other sources of open flame for light or heat due to the inherent fire danger associated with these items.
- Do not use charcoal barbeques to heat the inside of a house due to the lethal build up of carbon monoxide that will occur.
- Check your fireplace flue and chimney for debris and clean them out.
- Cordless phones will not work when the power goes out. Have a back up phone or cell phone available for use when you lose power.
- Check in and around your home for gas leaks, there will be a very noticeable odor. Call 9-1-1 should you smell gas inside or outside your house. If the gas leak is inside your house, have everyone leave the house. For further information contact the Southern California Gas Company at 1-800-427-2200.
- Food inside your refrigerator and freezer need to be disposed of properly. Contact San Bernardino County Public Health at 909-387-4608 for further information.
- If your house, patio, or driveway was covered with gel or foam by the firefighters, residents need to be careful, as the gel/foam is slippery. In order to remove the gel, you may have to hand wash the areas that are covered with the gel.
- Be cautious of pink or red pavement. This indicates that fire retardant is on the roadway. Slow down, as it is slippery when wet.

There will be power outages in the mountain communities due to several power poles, power lines, and transmission stations that were burned in the fire. If you do see downed power lines, please call Southern California Edison at 1-800-611-1911. For other Edison related issues call Edison at 1-800-655-4555. It is highly recommended that all residents with generators **do not** connect them to residential electrical services as this may cause serious injury to residents and/or utility workers.

For further information, contact the Joint Information Center at (909) 381-3151 or www.calmast.org or www.sbcounty.gov.

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